

PRESIDENT YUAN OF CHINA DEAD: VICE-PRESIDENT NOW IN CONTROL

Some Friends of Statesman Hint
At Poison, While Foes Declare
He Committed Suicide: Govern-
ment Decries Natural Causes

LI YUAN HUNG TAKES HELM OF AFFAIRS THIS MORNING

Passing of Chief Executive of Re-
public Throws Peking Into
Mourning, But In Southern Pro-
vinces Revolutionists Rejoice

Consul Woohuan Hears Officially of Passing of Yuan

CHINESE CONSUL TSE-ANG
WOOHUAN yesterday received
confirmation of the news of the
death of President Yuan Shih-kai.
The news came at five-thirty o'clock
in the afternoon, in a message from
Dr. Wellington Y. K. Koo, Chinese
minister at Washington, reading as
follows:

"I am in receipt of a cablegram
from Wai Chiao Fu (Chinese For-
eign Office) stating that President
Yuan died from illness on the sixth
instant at about ten o'clock a. m.
Posthumous mandate states
that in accordance with the twenty-
ninth article of the Constitution of
the Republic of China, it is hereby
declared that Vice-President Li
Yuan Hung shall assume the presi-
dency at ten a. m.

"His Excellency, Li Yuan Hung,
has decided to assume the presi-
dency on the seventh instant at
ten a. m.

"Half-mast proposed for nine-
teen days, beginning from today.
Further decision regarding the
number of days will be cabled later
on."

Consul Woohuan declined to com-
ment on the situation, and had
nothing to say further than that
he would proceed to send the cus-
tomary official notifications to the
various other consuls here.

The flag at the consulate is fly-
ing at half staff.

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
PEKING, June 7.—Yuan Shih-kai,
president of China, is dead, pois-
oned it is believed, by his friends;
a suicide, his foes declare. The govern-
ment announces death resulted from
"illness."

The end of the "Strong Man of
China," as he was called when he as-
sumed office as provisional president
after the overthrow of the Manchu
dynasty, came at ten o'clock yester-
day morning after several days of
"illness" due to acute stomach trouble,
and a nervous breakdown, under the
prolonged strain he had been under-
going for more than two years.

Rumor Of Suicide Denied
Rumors that he had committed sui-
cide to escape the load he was carry-
ing, and to avoid the necessity, that
he dreaded, of having to resign his
office under the pressure of the revolu-
tion in Southern China, gained wide
credence, but were flatly denied by
Yuan's friends and family. His wives
and elder children were with him at
the time he died.

Li Yuan Hung, vice-president, and
under the law the temporary suc-
cessor to the presidency, was notified of
Yuan Shih-kai's death immediately by
Premier Tuan Chi-jui, and will assume
the duties of his office this morning at
ten o'clock.

Peking Is In Mourning
The capital is already in mourning
for the dead, but reports from Shang-
hai and other southern cities declare
that the news of Yuan's passing was
hailed with delight. Everywhere
throughout the republic it was realized
that the death of the president means
a tremendous change in the outlook for
China. For a time after his death, it
was feared that there would be an up-
rising in the capital, but the day and
night passed quietly.

It is generally believed that the
death of Yuan will mean the ending of
the revolution and the establishment
of a real republican form of govern-
ment.

DEATH OF YUAN MAY BE BOON TO CHINESE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW YORK, June 7.—In comment-
ing upon the death of President Yuan
Shih-kai, at Peking yesterday, S. K.
Pond, the local representative of the
revolutionary party, declared that it
would prove a boon for China.

King George Regrets Death of Kitchener and Orders Mourning

PEACE TALK ENDED, SAYS CHANCELLOR

'Futile and Evil,' He Tells the
German People

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
BERLIN, June 6.—Chancellor von
Bethmann-Hollweg delivered a speech
in the Reichstag today which caused
a tremendous sensation. He declared
that any further suggestions of peace
by Germany will be "futile and evil,"
and appealed to the nation to hold on
until victory crowns its cause. He hurled
a categorical defiance at Great Brit-
ain. His address was greeted with ap-
plause.

HONOLULU MAN SUES MILLIONAIRE SPRING

George Moore Asks \$10,500 For
Loss of Wife

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
SAN FRANCISCO, June 6.—George
Moore of Honolulu today filed suit in
the federal court for \$10,500 against
John Hopkins Spring, father of Dorothy
Spring, as damages for the death of
his wife in Honolulu, alleging that the
death was caused by injuries from a
car driven by Miss Spring when she
was in Honolulu some months ago.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE DEFEATED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
DES MOINES, Iowa, June 7.—Prac-
tically complete returns of the state
election to decide the woman suffrage
amendment to the state constitution,
shows that the amendment has lost by
a bare minority.

DEATH OF YUAN WAS PROPHESED

The news of the death of Yuan
Shih-kai was received by the Chinese
population of Honolulu with conflict-
ing emotions. While this city is a
strong center of Chinese republican
sentiment, there is also among the Chi-
nese element here an earnest faction
which supports the old regime and
Yuan had his supporters among the Chi-
nese of Hawaii, though probably a ma-
jority of the liberal party.

"In view of the news of Yuan's
death, it is interesting and wonderful
to recall a prediction made by Donso
Kodama, a famous fortune teller of
Japan," said Colonel Woodard yester-
day. General Woodard is one of those
who takes the liberal view of Chinese
affairs, and while in some respects an
admirer of the late Yuan, he looks for
a better future for China under a new
ruler.

Yuan's Death Predicted
"The prediction," continued Woo-
ard, "was made two years ago. It was
that Yuan would die before August,
1914. Americans should remember that
this prophecy made a prediction that
President Wilson would marry a wid-
ow. It was printed in the papers all
over the United States, and I think
the Advertiser was one of many that
laughed at the prophecy. But it soon
came true."

Kodama also predicted that Leong
Shi-yee, chief secretary and general
right hand man of the president, would
die of starvation. I do not know what
this will come true or not.

"I hope that the report of Yuan's
death is true," said Woodard—he was
speaking before official confirmation of
the news of Yuan's death had come.

"It will help in the restoration of
peace in China. There will be no more
ambitions, selfish, despotic—who pre-
vented peace."

People Wanted Rights
"The idea of the national party,
which he opposed, was not to fight for
the presidency, but for the rights of
the people and to make the Chinese
government legal and constitutional in
the real meaning of those words. Any
president who will support this stand
will not be objected to."

According to the laws of China,
Vice President Li Yuan Hung will fill
the vacancy made by the death of
Yuan until the election of a provisional
president. Then, within a few months,
will follow the election of a president,
and the election probably will be held
in Shanghai. There are about eight
hundred congressmen in China, of whom
about five hundred belong to the na-
tional party.

Doctor Sun In Line
"I think one of three great men
will be chosen. The three are Dr. Sun
Yat Sen, Shih Ching-shan and Tan Ke
Sue. If any one of these is selected,
China will have real constitutional gov-
ernment."

Craft Probably Sent To Bottom By a Mine

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, June 7.—Field Marshal
Earl Kitchener of Khartum and
Broome, secretary of state for
war, and the members of his military
staff have been drowned near the Ork-
ney Islands, north of Scotland, while on
their way to Russia on a secret mission
from the British government.

When the news of Kitchener's death
reached this city, London was stag-
gered. This was the greatest, the most
stunning blow the people have suf-
fered of all the bluffs the war has
given, and the capital refused for a
time to believe it.

Indeed, despite the official report
from Supreme Admiral Sir John Jellicoe,
commanding the British fleet in the
North Sea, announcing the sinking of
the protected cruiser Hampshire, in
which Lord Kitchener and his staff
were voyaging, the government for
time denied that he had been lost.

Then came additional detail—news
of the search that was being made for
survivors, of wreckage found—and at
last the official announcement of the
Admiralty that Kitchener was dead.

And with that the people of Great
Britain appeared for the moment to
have lost their heads. They struggled
in the streets for copies of extras which
the afternoon papers issued as fast as
bulletins from the government press
bureau could be sent out, and every
atom of news was devoured by the
throngs on the street with avidity.

But about the catastrophe—for that
is the way Britain feels about the loss
of Kitchener—there still hangs a great
cloud of mystery. It was officially stated
that he was bound for Archangel, Rus-
sia, and thence to Petrograd, where he
was to have had a private conference
with the czar regarding the supply of
munitions for the Russians, but it was
not explained how the vessel in which
he was lost was sent to the bottom, and
why there were no survivors left to tell
the tale of the wreck.

Cruiser Probably Strikes Mine

Experts believe that the sinking of
the Hampshire, a 10,850-ton cruiser
launched in 1903, and carrying a com-
pliment of 655 officers and men, was
caused by a mine, as they point out
that the speed of the vessel, not less
than 22.5 knots an hour, would have
made it almost impossible for a sub-
marine to have struck fatally. But up
to a late hour last night nothing of-
ficial had been given out, save that
there was no evidence of any kind to
show whether the Hampshire was down-
ed by a mine or a torpedo.

But the people of Britain have paid
little attention to the opinion of the
experts. They blame Germany with
the loss of Kitchener, and the fury of
the nation turned against the Germans
here. The stock exchange closed for
business, but not to the public, which
thronged the building demanding addi-
tional news of the disaster.

People Stunned By News
No news since the outbreak of the
war has created such a sensation. The
members of the exchange met after
the exchange closed and demanded that
the Germans holding membership should
be expelled at once by the executive
committee. This resolution, which was
formally adopted, has been presented to
the committee which is expected to act
within a day or two.

From the exchange the crowd surged
to the war office at Whitehall. Here
the curtains had been drawn over all
the windows and the silence of the
funeral chamber reigned everywhere, al-
though the war work did not pause for
an instant.

Police Called To Handle Crowd
Finally the crush at the war office be-
came so great and the demand for addi-
tional information so insistent that po-
lice reserves from Scotland Yard were
summoned and the police ordered to
keep the throngs from the building. It
was with difficulty, however, that the
police succeeded in carrying out their
orders.

The whole city went into mourning.
Shops were closed and flags were low-
ered to half-staff everywhere through-
out the kingdom.

The king, as soon as he learned the
news, left Windsor Castle, where he has
been resting for some time, and re-
turned to Buckingham Palace, where he
was immediately attended by Mr. As-
quith, the premier.

A conference lasting for several
hours followed, during which it was
understood that the question of a suc-
cessor to Lord Kitchener was discussed.

Three Men Are Considered
Sir William Robertson, the present
chief of staff was mentioned as were
David Lloyd-George, minister of state
for munitions, and former chancellor of
the exchequer, and Lord Derby, the
father of the Derby recruiting plan and

People of Britain Are Staggered By Tragedy

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the house of lords.

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consultation, and a long session fol-
lowed in an effort to decide whether a
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as the successor of the late secretary
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Special Mission To Czar
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the cruiser Hampshire, accompanied by
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MATSONIA CARGO EASILY UNLOADED

Under Protection of Armed
Guards, Hawaiian Sugar Is De-
livered At Crockett

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
SAN FRANCISCO, June 7.—While
armed guards patrolled the wharves
and docks at Crockett, yesterday, the
work of unloading the Matson liner
Matsonia proceeded without incident.
Hundreds of strike-breakers, aided by
Matson line clerks, started the task of
getting the sugar out of the big liner,
and save a verbal protest by a party
of strikers to one of the teamsters not
a word was said by the union men. In
spite of this appearance of peace, Sher-
iff Veale is holding a squad of special
officers and police ready for any trouble
in Crockett.

EMPLOYERS' SIDE IS ANNOUNCED

According to a recent statement by
R. C. Thackara, secretary of the Water
Front Employers' Union and vice-presi-
dent of the Luckenbach Steamship Com-
pany of San Francisco, the attitude
adopted by the employers in refus-
ing to grant the demands of the men
was taken for the following reasons:

"The Water Front Employers' Union
has a contract with the Buggers
and Stevedores' Union which provides
that the agreement now in force shall
continue in full force and effect, sub-
ject to sixty days' written notice from
one party to the other. Such notice
was not given in the case of the present
demands."

"Even in face of such an agree-
ment, the employers would not be un-
willing to grant a reasonable increase
in the straight time wages and a
small increase in the overtime wages,
based on the relationship which always
has existed between the two classes,
but the present demands for overtime
wages in particular are unreasonable
and impossible to meet."

"Many of the working conditions
in the agreement have been altered,
and through manipulation resolved
themselves into a very heavy increase
in the per ton cost of stevedoring and
are absolutely impracticable. The new
conditions are not understood by the
employers and efforts to arrange a con-
ference have been rejected."

ECONOMY IN THE END.
It costs but a small amount to keep
Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Dia-
rrhoea Remedy always in your medicine
chest, and it is economy in the end. It
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sale by all dealers. Benson, Smith &
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GALE KILLS MANY IN MISSISSIPPI

Twister Sweeps Through State
Leaving Dead and Injured
In Its Wake

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
JACKSON, June 6.—A tornado
which hurled its way over parts of
Mississippi and Arkansas yesterday
has killed scores and injured hundreds.
The death toll is growing hourly.
Eight persons are dead in this vicinity
and fifty injured, and many houses
were destroyed.

ARKANSAS SUFFERS HEAVILY

HOT SPRINGS, Arkansas, June 6.—
The greatest fury of the storm in this
state was at Heber Springs, near here,
where more than twenty were killed
and many injured. Various parts of the state
reported by telegram today as to the
extent of the disaster. It is declared
that a large number have been killed
and hundreds injured.

AUTO SPEED MASTER ENTHUSED BY HAWAII

**'Jimmy' Kirkland Comes To Visit
and Is Delighted**
"Jimmy" Kirkland, a well known
auto speed man, was an arrival yester-
day on the Wilhelmina from San Fran-
cisco. Kirkland holds the time record
between Oakland and Los Angeles, hav-
ing made the trip in ten hours and
twenty minutes, and he has a record of
six days, ten hours and twenty-two
minutes, for the run from San Fran-
cisco to New York.

Kirkland was shown about the city
yesterday by Mayor Lane, to whom
he brought a letter of introduction
from the mayor of Oakland. Today
Mr. Lane will take him for a trip
round the island. Kirkland is enthus-
iastic about what he has seen here.

"Everybody is boasting Hawaii on
the mainland," he said, "and we hear
lots about your beautiful climate and
scenery. But it seems to me that there
has been no exaggeration. In fact it
would be impossible to exaggerate."

A little son was born to Mr. and Mrs.
Frank C. Burgoyne of 932 Birch street
last Sunday. The young man has been
named Frank.

HONOLULU PERISHES IN SEA OFF MONTEREY

Manuel Santos, Fisherman, Dis-
appears—Power Boat Found

Manuel Santos, formerly with the
Hustace-Peck Company of this city, and
a brother-in-law of Joaquim Silva, mer-
chant at 1365 Lusitana street, perished
in the ocean off Monterey, California,
on the night of May 19, according to
the following story told in the Mon-
terey Cypress of May 20:

"A sand-filled launch high and dry on
the beach near Marina shortly tells the
tragic story of Manuel Santos, Portu-
guese fisherman, who is believed to have
perished in the waters of Monterey bay
some time Friday night.

"Santos was out in quest of salmon
early Friday morning along with hun-
dreds of other fishermen but did not
return. His brother, John Santos, ac-
cused the bay in an effort to find him
or his boat late that night but was
forced to return without gaining a sight
of him.

"Yesterday morning when Santos
had not yet put in an appearance Manuel
Gouveia in making search found the
Santos' launch high and dry on the
beach near Marina. He reported his
discovery in Monterey and Deputy Fiscal
and Game Commissioners Phil Oyer
and J. W. Galloway set out in their
high power motor boat. They were un-
able to approach very close to the
shore but observed the boat to be filled
with sand, and bearing evidence of hav-
ing been turned over time and again
while riding the breakers.

"It was at first believed that Santos
had run short of fuel and that the boat
had drifted ashore. But this theory was
expelled when, upon investigation, it
was ascertained that there was still
gasoline in the tank. The theory now
advanced is that Santos lost his balance
and fell out of his launch while trying
to land a salmon or to fix his sail. This
belief is supported by the fact that the
gear of the launch was found to be in
full speed ahead position.

"Santos' brother declared yesterday
that his brother had two anchors and
plenty of lines aboard. The unusually
high wind and heavy sea of Friday night
together with extremely high tide
which occurred at about midnight is be-
lieved responsible for the boat being so
high up on the shore.

"Santos was aged about forty-five
years. He leaves a wife and nine chil-
dren in West Oakland. Mrs. Santos was
informed of her husband's disappearance
by telegram yesterday.

"That the family of Santos may be
left in a destitute condition if the the-
ory of his death proves true was the
statement made yesterday. Efforts are
to be made to collect donations in Mon-
terey to be sent the stricken relatives.

"The Cypress is ready and willing to
receive any of these much-needed con-
tributions.

"Santos was one of the most popular
and best-like fishermen in local water-
and his loss will be sorely felt. An all-
day search for his body proved fruit-
less.

"Santos came to Monterey two years
ago. He was formerly located at Ho-
nolulu."

JAPANESE NAVY LOSES OFFICER IN BIG BATTLE

He Was Commander Shimomura
Who Once Visited Honolulu

A Japanese naval officer was among
those lost in the naval battle in the
North Sea, according to despatches re-
ceived from Tokyo by local Japanese
papers. He was Comdr. Chusuke Shi-
momura, supposed to have been aboard
the British battleship Queen Mary
which was sunk with the loss of all
on board. The Japanese navy depart-
ment has called an inquiry to the
British government regarding his fate.

Commander Shimomura visited Hon-
olulu in the Aso, which came here with
a training ship squadron, when he was
a lieutenant. When the war broke out
he was sent to England as a war ob-
server and it is understood that he
remained in the Queen Mary through-
out the war.

Local Japanese papers are publishing
expressions of regret at his death.

THREE INCIDENT FIRES KEEP FIREMEN ON JUMP

The fire department responded to
three alarms yesterday, but did not
have to do any work. An alarm from
the waterfront was caused by a small
blaze in a scow, and a lighted cigarette
in a barrel of rubbish at the Kobayashi
Hotel, in Beretania street, caused an-
other call. The other was a false alarm
from Diamond Head drive and Paki
avenue.

TEUTONIC FOE NOT ABLE TO BLOCK FERCE DRIVE OF SLAVS

Taken By Surprise By Unexpect-
ed Russian Attack On Galician
Front, Austrians and Ger-
mans Lose 25,000 Prisoners

CAN MAKE NO EFFORT TO CHECK SUDDEN THRUST

Effects of Muscovite Offensive In
Eastern Theater of War Al-
ready Making Itself Felt On
the French and Italian Fields

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, June 7.—Though the at-
tention of the public and press is
largely concentrated on the
death of Earl Kitchener, in the sinking
of the cruiser Hampshire off the Ork-
ney Islands, the people of Great Brit-
ain have not lost sight of the tremen-
dous Russian drive in the eastern the-
ater of the war, and the military ex-
perts of the various London morning
papers are declaring today that it is
beginning of the great Allied offensive
so long looked for.

With hammer like blows Lieutenant
General Brusiloff, who commanded the
Russian columns that forced their way
to the top of the Carpathians a year
and more ago, is again thrusting as-
saults, breaking their armies, captur-
ing thousands of their men, and mov-
ing to his goal over a front more wide
than two hundred and fifty miles wide,
extending from the Pripiet marshes to
the boundary of Rumania.

Petrograd Optimistic
Petrograd also believes that the great
offensive has started, and despatches
from the Russian capital last night
told of the delight with which the news
from the front has been received in
"hat city, and throughout Russia."

Everything is in readiness, it is said.
The roads are in perfect shape for the
movement of large bodies of troops,
ammunition is plentiful, thanks to the
large quantities that have been shipped
from the stores of the Allies, added
to that which Russia has been able to
manufacture for herself. The Slav
armies are reorganized, and the
lead word has been eliminated. Graft
has been checked, and the advance is
expected to be swift.

Russian Booty Huge
Already General Brusiloff reports
that he has taken prisoners more than
25,000 Teutons, a vast quantity of
munitions of war and other supplies,
including 17 large cannon and fifteen
machine guns, with a number of bomb
throwers and large quantities of hand
grenades for trench fighting.

Russia is confident in spite of the
fact that it is admitted that an army
of 600,000 men lies directly in the
path of General Brusiloff. So far the
Teutonic forces have been unable to
move a retarding move. Taken by sur-
prise, and driven from their positions
by the sudden attack of the Muscovite
armies they have been headed back like
attle, without even a counter-attack to
break the force of the Russian drive.

Western Fight Slackens
In the western theater of the con-
flict the effect of the Russian assault is
already being felt. The fighting in the
vicinity of Verdun has died down to a
few minor trench attacks and counter-
attacks such as are to be seen any-
where along the French line, and the
artillery bombardments of the
positions held by the enemy. Even
his for the most part, is confined to the
sector between Douaumont and Vaux
without material gains reported by
either side.

Italy also is feeling the relief. The
Austrian pressure which drove back
the Roman legions last week and the
week before, has ceased, or nearly so,
and the Italians have beaten back futile
attacks against their positions in the
Valdarsa and Pashub sectors.